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1. Maxhütte, Unterwellenborn

One ingot ("Brammen") furnace for the broad strip rolling mill (4 meters)
started to operate on 20 October 1950.

2. Hoffmann & Motz, Finow

- This plant has ordered one new "stoss" furnace for its rolling mill
section. It is to be erected as soon as possible since the funds avail-
able for the purpose must be spent before the end of the financial year.
- The plant's rolling mill manager, Kempny, has been transferred to Riesa.
Herr Koppmeier has taken over the rolling mill section.

3. Coswig

This plant at present produces daily 15 tons of rolling mill roller steel of
reasonable quality, working two 8-hour shifts.

4. Hennigsdorf

- A core drying stove which has been rebuilt at the "Feltener Eisengiesserei",
now controlled by VEB Hennigsdorf, is in operation.
- Arrangements are being made for another core drying stove to be erected
as speedily as possible. The target date was to be 15 November but it
was not likely to be reached.
- A new "Verband" chill mould has been tested with complete success. It
consists of an outer steel cover and is lined with hematite.
- Arrangements are being made to weld profile rolling mill rollers together.
This method is proving successful and lengthening the lives of the rollers.
- Fifty-ton ladles are now being used 30 times before they need relining.

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5. Riesa

A second 60-ton Siemens-Martin furnace started to operate on 1 November 1950.

6. Böhlen

Plans to turn this plant into a large modern high-grade steel works may not materialize as the experts tend to regard the site as too small. Other sites at Dessau, Rossau and Senftenberg are being considered. The scheme includes 5 electro and 5 Siemens-Martin furnaces varying from 5 to 10 tons in size.

7. Trachbahn Repair Shop, Dresden

Since an additional DM (Ost) 100,000 has been granted, it has been decided, after all, to commence work on the new rolling mill.

8. Brandenburg

The fourth Siemens-Martin furnace is expected to start operating on 20 November 1950.

9. Kirchzoeser

The sheet steel rolling mill now produces 5,000 tons per month.

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